Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended)   A system for tracking web-based sessions comprising:

a browser disposed on an associated data terminal and having at least one visible browser window associated therewith, which browser is adapted for generating at least one interactive session with an associated web server; and

at least one session tracking application associated with an interactive session, which session tracking application includes,

monitoring means adapted for monitoring activity of the associated interactive session,

means adapted for initiating a counter to an opening value in accordance with a session identifier of an initial instance associated with the interactive session,

unload event testing means adapted for determining whether monitored activity includes an unload event,

means adapted for spawning a hidden browser window upon determination of the unload event, which hidden browser window enables a termination means,

instance opening test means adapted for determining when monitored activity includes opening of an additional instance of the associated interactive session,

instance closing test means adapted for determining when monitored activity includes a closing of an instance of the associated interactive session,

incrementing means adapted for incrementing a counter in accordance with each instance determined by the instance opening testing means,

decrementing means adapted for decrementing the counter in accordance with an output of the instance closing test means, and

means adapted for testing a current counter value ~~against the opening value~~; and wherein

the hidden browser window includes termination means adapted for generating a termination signal to the at least one session tracking session application so as to commence a termination of the associated interactive session upon a determination of an unload event by the session tracking application when a current counter value ~~equals~~ reaches a selected value relative to the opening value; and

the at least one session tracking session commences operation of a notification means adapted for notifying the associated web server to close out the interactive session in accordance with a received termination signal from the termination means.

26. (Previously Presented)   The system for tracking web-based sessions of claim 25, further comprising storage means adapted for storing data associated with the interactive session.

27. (Previously Presented)   The system for tracking web-based sessions of claim 25, wherein upon generating an interactive session, the monitoring means associates session identifying information with the session, the incrementing means increments the number of browser windows associated with the interactive session by one, and the storage means stores the session identifying information and incremented number of browser windows associated with the interactive session in the storage means.

28. (Previously Presented)   The system for tracking web-based sessions of claim 25, wherein the unload event testing means includes means adapted for testing at least one of a browser refresh, browser close, migration from a selected web site, opening of an additional web site by a browser window associated with the interactive session, and session timeout.

29. (Previously Presented)   The system for tracking web-based sessions of claim 28, wherein in the event the unload event testing means determines that the monitored activity is a browser refresh, the termination means does not terminate the associated interactive session.

30. (Previously Presented)   The system for tracking web-based sessions of claim 28, wherein in the event the unload event testing means determines that the monitored activity is a browser close or a migration from a selected website, the decrementing means decrements the counter.

31. (Previously Presented)   The system for tracking web-based sessions of claim 25, wherein in the event the activity monitored is opening of an additional web site by a browser window associated with the interactive session, the incrementing means increases the number of browser windows associated with the interactive session.

32. (Previously Presented)   The system for tracking web-based sessions of claim 25, wherein in the event the activity monitored is a session timeout, the terminating mean terminates the interactive session.

33.   (Currently amended) A method for tracking web-based sessions comprising the steps of:

generating at least one interactive session with an associated web server, wherein the interactive session is generated via a browser disposed on an associated data terminal and having at least one browser window associated therewith;

monitoring activity of the associated interactive session;

initiating a counter to an opening value in accordance with a session identifier of an initial instance associated with the interactive session;

determining whether monitored activity includes an unload event;

spawning a hidden browser window upon determination of the unload event, which hidden browser window enables the termination step;

determining when monitored activity includes opening of an additional instance of the associated interactive session;

determining when monitored activity includes a closing of an instance of the associated interactive session;

incrementing a counter in accordance with each instance determined to be additional instance of the associated interactive session;

decrementing the counter in accordance with a closing of an instance of the associated interactive session;

testing a current counter value ~~against the opening value~~;

generating a termination signal to the at least one session tracking session so as to commence a termination of the associated interactive session upon a determination of an unload event by the session tracking application when a current counter value ~~equals~~ reaches a selected value relative to the opening value, and

notifying the associated web server to close out the interactive session in accordance with a received termination signal.

34. (Previously Presented)   The method for tracking web-based sessions of claim 33, further comprising the step of storing data associated with the interactive session in an associated storage.

35. (Previously Presented)   The method for tracking web-based sessions of claim 33, wherein upon generating an interactive session, session identifying information is associated with the session, the number of browser windows associated with the interactive session is incremented by one, and the session identifying information and incremented number of browser windows associated with the interactive session is stored in the associated storage.

36. (Previously Presented)   The method for tracking web-based sessions of claim 33 wherein the step of determine whether an activity is an unload event includes testing at least one of a browser refresh, browser close, migration from a selected web site, opening of an additional web site by a browser window associated with the interactive session, and session timeout.

37. (Previously Presented)   The method for tracking web-based sessions of claim 36, wherein in the event that the monitored activity is determined to be a browser refresh, the associated interactive session is terminated.

38. (Previously Presented)   The method for tracking web-based sessions of claim 36, wherein in the event that the monitored activity is determined to be a browser close or a migration from a selected website, the counter is decremented.

39. (Previously Presented)   The method for tracking web-based sessions of claim 33, wherein in the event the activity monitored is opening of an additional web site by a browser window associated with the interactive session, the the number of browser windows associated with the interactive session is increased.

40. (Previously Presented)   The method for tracking web-based sessions of claim 33, wherein in the event the activity monitored is a session timeout, the interactive session is terminated.